AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1) (original) Disposable hygienic protective device (1) for toilet seats, characterized by the fact that said protective device is made of low-density plastic (LDPE) and optionally vinyl and/or latex.
- 2) (original) Disposable hygienic protective device (1) for toilet seats according to claim 1, wherein said hygienic protective device is composed of two basically oval rings that are placed one on top of the other and are bonded together (2).
- 3) (currently amended) Disposable hygienic protective device
 (1) for toilet seats according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein said
 protective device is inflatable and can be equipped with a check
 valve (3) made of plastic.
- 4) (original) Disposable hygienic protective device (1) for toilet seats according to claim 3, wherein, once said protective device is inflated, it can be placed on the toilet seat in order to provide hygienic protection to keep the user's body from coming into direct contact with the toilet seat and wherein it has a tear-away tab (4) marked at the edge to allow it to be deflated after use.

- 5) (currently amended) Disposable hygienic protective device
 (1) for toilet seats according to <u>claim 1</u> [[one of claims 1-4]],
 wherein said protective device can be folded up and can be made
 to be carried in a pocket.
- 6) (new) Disposable hygienic protective device (1) for toilet seats according to claim 2, wherein said protective device is inflatable and can be equipped with a check valve (3) made of plastic.
- 7) (new) Disposable hygienic protective device (1) for toilet seats according to claim 6, wherein, once said protective device is inflated, it can be placed on the toilet seat in order to provide hygienic protection to keep the user's body from coming into direct contact with the toilet seat and wherein it has a tear-away tab (4) marked at the edge to allow it to be deflated after use.
- 8) (new) Disposable hygienic protective device (1) for toilet seats according to claim 2, wherein said protective device can be folded up and can be made to be carried in a pocket.
- 9) (new) Disposable hygienic protective device (1) for toilet seats according to claim 3, wherein said protective device can be folded up and can be made to be carried in a pocket.
- 10) (new) Disposable hygienic protective device (1) for toilet seats according to claim 4, wherein said protective device can be folded up and can be made to be carried in a pocket.